Bachelor of Science in Political Science

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)
The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements

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<td>Science Requirement</td>
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<td>Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS)</td>
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<td>Requirement [between two and five subjects can be from the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement</td>
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<tr>
<td>Laboratory Requirement (12 units) [can be satisfied by 17.803 in the Departmental Program]</td>
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<td>Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree</td>
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Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects ¹

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<td>17.801 Political Science Scope and Methods (CI-M)</td>
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<td>17.803 Political Science Laboratory (CI-M)</td>
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<tr>
<td>17.THT &amp; 17.THU Thesis Research Design Seminar and Undergraduate Political Science Thesis ²</td>
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Restricted Electives

Select seven subjects, including one subject from the each of the four groups listed below and three additional political science subjects representing a coherent plan of study. Specific subjects satisfying these criteria should be chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor.

Units in Major ³

17.007[J] Feminist Thought
17.01[J] Justice
17.021[J] Philosophy of Law
17.03 Introduction to Political Thought
17.031 American Political Thought
17.035[J] Libertarianism
17.04[J] Modern Conceptions of Freedom
17.045[J] Power: Interpersonal, Organizational, and Global Dimensions
17.05[J] Humane Warfare: Ancient and Medieval Perspectives on Ethics in War
17.055 Just Code: The Ethical Lifecycle of Machine Learning

American Politics

Select one subject in American politics from the following:

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<td>17.20 Introduction to the American Political Process</td>
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<td>17.251 Congress and the American Political System I</td>
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<td>17.263 Electoral Politics, Public Opinion, and Democracy</td>
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<td>17.265 Public Opinion and American Democracy</td>
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<td>17.269 Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics</td>
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Unrestricted Electives ³

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Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree ³

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<td>180</td>
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The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

¹ Students typically enroll in subjects as follows: 17.801, fall term, junior year; 17.803, spring term, junior year; 17.THT, fall term, senior year; 17.THU, spring term, senior year.

² 17.THT and 17.THU may be replaced by two additional elective subjects in Political Science.

³ This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.
### Political Science (Course 17)

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<td>17.271</td>
<td>Mass Incarceration in the United States</td>
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<td>17.275</td>
<td>Public Opinion Research Design and Training Seminar</td>
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<td>17.279</td>
<td>Political Misinformation in the Age of Social Media</td>
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#### Public Policy

Select one of the following options: 12

**Option 1**

Select one political science subject in public policy from the following:

- 17.30[J] Making Public Policy
- 17.303[J] Methods of Policy Analysis
- 17.307 American Public Policy for Washington Interns
- 17.309[J] Science, Technology, and Public Policy
- 17.315 Health Policy
- 17.317 US Social Policy
- 17.381[J] Leadership in Negotiation: Advanced Applications
- 17.389 Education, Inequality, and Politics
- 17.391[J] Human Rights at Home and Abroad
- 17.393[J] Environmental Law, Policy, and Economics: Pollution Prevention and Control

**Option 2**

Select one subject in another field designated as fulfilling the public policy requirement

#### International Politics

Select one of the following options: 12

**Option 1**

Select one subject in international relations/security studies from the following:

- 17.40 American Foreign Policy: Past, Present, and Future
- 17.407 Chinese Foreign Policy
- 17.41 Introduction to International Relations
- 17.42 Causes and Prevention of War
- 17.433 International Relations of East Asia
- 17.445 International Relations Theory in the Cyber Age
- 17.447[J] Cybersecurity
- 17.449 Emerging Technology and International Security
- 17.46 US National Security Policy
- 17.473 The Politics of Nuclear Proliferation
- 17.483 US Military Power

**Option 2**

Select one subject in comparative politics from the following:

- 17.50 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- 17.503 How Dictatorship Works
- 17.511 Critical Perspectives on Data and Identity
- 17.53 The Rise of Asia
- 17.537 Politics and Policy in Contemporary Japan
- 17.55[J] Introduction to Latin American Studies
- 17.561 European Politics
- 17.565 Israel: History, Politics, Culture, and Identity
- 17.569 Russia’s Foreign Policy: Toward the Post-Soviet States and Beyond
- 17.57[J] Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society: 1917 to the Present
- 17.577 Electoral Politics in the Developing World
- 17.571 Engineering Democratic Development in Africa
- 17.581 Riots, Rebellions, Revolutions
- 17.591 Research Seminar in Applied International Studies

1 17.567, a 9-unit version of this subject that is taught during IAP, is also acceptable.